

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11441–S11513*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2791–2798, and S. Res. 354. **Pages S11492–93**

**Measures Reported:**

H. Con. Res. 36, calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise in all appropriate bilateral and multilateral fora the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and calling on Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

S. Res. 341, supporting peace, security, and innocent civilians affected by conflict in Yemen.

S. Res. 345, deploring the rape and assault of women in Guinea and the killing of political protesters. **Page S11492**

**Measures Passed:**

**Commending Senator Robert C. Byrd:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 354, commending Robert C. Byrd, Senator from West Virginia. **Pages S11475–82**

**American Education Week:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 353, supporting the goals and ideals of “American Education Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11508**

**Appointments:**

**National Council of the Arts:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the National Council of the Arts: Senator McCaskill. **Pages S11508–09**

**Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 19, 2009, Senate begin consideration of S. 1963, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide as-

sistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and that the bill be considered under the provisions of the order of November 17, 2009; provided further, that upon disposition of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and the Senate resume legislative session, there be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation to Coburn Amendment No. 2785; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendment; that upon disposition of the amendment, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as provided for under the order of November 17, 2009. **Page S11509**

**Hamilton Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Thursday, November 19, 2009, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, all post-cloture time be yielded back, except for 30 minutes, and that the time be equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions, or their designees; that at 2:30 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S11484**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Nicole Yvette Lamb-Hale, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Arthur Allen Elkins, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

Robert A. Petzel, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S11513**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11509.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FINANCIAL MARKET REGULATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming the United States financial market regulation, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Arlington, Virginia; Neil M. Schloss, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Mark K. Boling, Southwestern Energy Company, Houston, Texas; Jeff Billings, Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia, Kennesaw, on behalf of the American Public Gas Association; and Robert A. Johnson, Roosevelt Institute, New York, New York, on behalf of the Americans for Financial Reform.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jill Long Thompson, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary, and to be Chief Financial Officer, and Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, both of the Department of Commerce, Philip E. Coyle, III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Anthony R.

Coscia, of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, and Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, who was introduced by Senator Kaufman, both to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### MANAGING FEDERAL FORESTS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, focusing on natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration, after receiving testimony from Kit Batten, Science Advisor, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Beverly Law, Oregon State University, Corvallis; Elaine Oneil, University of Washington School of Forestry, Seattle; and Christopher A. Wood, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2778, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, with an amendment.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, who was introduced by Senators Boxer, Snowe, and Feinstein and Representative Pelosi, Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOMINIC "ROCKY" BARAGONA JUSTICE FOR AMERICAN HEROES HARMED BY CONTRACTORS ACT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine S. 526, to provide in personam jurisdiction in civil actions against contractors of the United States Government performing contracts abroad with respect to serious bodily injuries of members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees of the United States Government, and United States citizen employees of companies performing work for the United States Government in connection with contractor activities, after receiving testimony from Tony West, Assistant Attorney

General, Department of Justice; Richard Ginman, Deputy Director for Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and Uldric I. Fiore, Jr., Director, Soldier and Family Legal Services, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Army, both of the Department of Defense; Scott Horton, Columbia Law School, New York, New York; Ralph G. Steinhardt, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.; and Dominic Baragona, The Villages, Florida.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 510, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

The nominations of David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Pamela S. Hyde, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Children and Families:* Senators Dodd (Chair), Bingaman, Murray, Reed, Sanders, Brown, Casey, Hagan, Merkley, Alexander, Gregg, McCain, Hatch, Murkowski, Coburn, and Roberts.

*Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety:* Senators Murray (Chair), Dodd, Mikulski, Brown, Hagan, Merkley, Franken, Bennet, Isakson, Gregg, Burr, McCain, Hatch, and Murkowski.

*Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging:* Senators Mikulski (Chair), Bingaman, Reed, Sanders, Casey, Franken, Bennet, Burr, Gregg, Alexander, Isakson, and Coburn.

*Senators Harkin and Enzi are ex-officio members of each of the Subcommittees.*

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, who was introduced by Senators Kohl and Feingold, and Susan B. Carbon, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, and John H. Laub, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, both of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine easing the burdens for veterans and transitioning Service Members through employment, after receiving testimony from Raymond Jefferson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; Lutz Ziob, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Captain Peter Wikul, USN, (Ret.), America Works of New York, Inc., and Helen Tymes, National Organization on Disability, both of New York, New York; Joshua Lawton-Belous, Oracle Corporation, Vienna Virginia; and Dexter Daniel, Baltimore, Maryland.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 4099–4112; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 214; and H. Res. 911–919 were introduced.

**Pages H13265–66**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H13266–67**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 871, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents, records, memos, correspondence, and other communications regarding medical malpractice reform (H. Rept. 111–341).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Matthew Southall Brown, Sr., St. John Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Amending the Small Business Act to improve SCORE:*** H.R. 1839, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve SCORE; **Pages H13075–77**

***Expanding Entrepreneurship Act of 2009:*** H.R. 1842, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Administration's entrepreneurial development programs; **Pages H13079–81**

***Small Business Early-Stage Investment Act of 2009:*** H.R. 3738, amended, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to establish a program for the Small Business Administration to provide financing to support early-stage small businesses in targeted industries; **Pages H13081–84**

***Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Act:*** H.R. 3014, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to provide loan guarantees for the acquisition of health information technology by eligible professionals in solo and small group practices; and **Pages H13084–86**

***Welcoming the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh, to the United States:*** H. Res. 890, to welcome the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh, to the United States.

**Pages H13107–09**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

***Native American Business Development Enhancement Act of 2009:*** H.R. 1834, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians and

**Pages H13077–79**

***Expressing the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe:*** H. Con. Res. 212, amended, to express the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and to reaffirm the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Slovak and Czech Republics.

**Pages H13109–13**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Hoekstra moved to discharge the Committee on Armed Services from the consideration of H.R. 2294, to require the ap-

proval of the relevant State governor and legislature and the President's notification and certification before the transfer or release of an individual currently detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to a location in the United States, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 7).

**Adjournment Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 214, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeand-nay vote of 243 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 896.

**Pages H13090–91**

**Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 3791, to amend sections 33 and 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, by a yeand-nay vote of 395 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 901.

**Pages H13086–90, H13091–92, H13093–H13107, H13113–15**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–340, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule.

**Pages H13100–03**

Agreed to:

Titus amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–340) that expands the scope of the Assistance to Firefighter Grants program to allow the purchase of equipment that reduces the use of water in fighting fires and training firefighters;

**Pages H13103–04**

Holden amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–340) that makes river rescue organizations eligible for funding under the definition of a rescue organization;

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Cardoza amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–340) that requires the Director to consider unemployment rates when awarding grants;

**Pages H13106–07**

Perlmutter amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–340) that authorizes a nationwide survey to assess compliance of fire departments with certain best practices on firefighter safety. The amendment establishes a task force of fire service industry to make recommendations to Congress on ways to increase compliance with those firefighter safety standards (by a recorded vote of 358 yeas to 75 noes, Roll No. 899); and

**Pages H13104–05, H13113**

Flake amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–340) that prohibits earmarking of funds appropriated under the Act (by a recorded vote of 371 yeas to 63 noes, Roll No. 900).

**Pages H13105–06, H13113–14**

H. Res. 909, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 898, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 897. **Pages H13091–92**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H13084.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13091, H13091–92, H13092, H13113, H13114, H13114–15. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **LONG-TERM DEFENSE BUDGET TRENDS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Resourcing the National Defense Strategy: Implications of Long Term Budget Trends. Testimony was heard from Matthew Goldberg, Acting Assistant Director, National Security Studies, CBO; Stephen Daggett, Specialist in Defense Policy and Budgets, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### **H1N1 VACCINE PRODUCTION/ DISTRIBUTION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on H1N1 Preparedness: An Overview of Vaccine Production and Distribution. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Anne Schuchat, M.D., Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention; Nicole Lurie, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response; and Jesse Goodman, M.D. Acting Chief Scientist, Deputy Commissioner for Scientific and Medical Programs, FDA; David Lakey, M.D., Commissioner, Department of State Health Services, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

### **COMMITTEE PRINT—FINANCIAL STABILITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Continued consideration of the Committee Print of the Financial Stability Improvement Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

### **FOREIGN AID'S ROLE IN FIGHTING TERRORISM**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Flag on the Bag?: Foreign Assistance and the

Struggle Against Terrorism. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FEDERAL PROTECTION SERVICE TRANSITION**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “Federal Protective Service: Will Continuing Challenges Weaken Transition and Impede Progress?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection Programs Directorate; and Gary W. Schenkel, Director, Federal Protective Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and public witnesses.

### **AIRLINE SECURITY—FOREIGN REPAIR STATIONS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Is the Flying Public Protected? An Assessment of Security at Foreign Repair Stations.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General; and Doug Dalby, Deputy Director, Flight Standards for Field Operations, FAA; Cindy Farkus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Global Strategies, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### **JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Task Force on Judicial Impeachment continued consideration of possible impeachment of U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. Testimony was heard from Attorney Joseph Mole.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1672, as amended, Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 2062, as amended, Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009; H.R. 3644, as amended, Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Regional Program and National Environmental Literacy Grant Program Act; H.R. 3940, as amended, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam; H.R. 3603, as amended, To rename the Ocmulgee National Monument; H.R. 3759, as amended, BLM Contract Extension Act; H.R. 3804, National Park Service Authorities and Corrections Act of 2009; and H.R.

3388, as amended, Petersburg National Battlefield Boundary Modification Act..

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following bills: The Committee began consideration of H.R. 2517, as amended, Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2009; H.R. 3892, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Highway 64 Bypass in Roper, North Carolina, as the “E.C. Wilkins Post Office;” H.R. 3951, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Roy Rondeno, Sr., Post Office Building;” and H.R. 4017, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 43 Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, as the “Ann Marie Blute Post Office.”

#### INCREASED AUTONOMY FOR D.C.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “Greater Autonomy for the Nation’s Capital,” with discussion of the following bills: H.R. 960, District of Columbia Legislative Autonomy Act of 2009; and H.R. 1045, District of Columbia Budget Autonomy Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Adrian M. Fenty, Mayor; Vincent Gray, Chairman, City Council; and Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer; Alice M. Rivlin, former Chairman, CBO; and a public witness.

#### CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4061, Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009.

#### PROPOSALS—WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2010

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2010. Testimony was heard from Representatives Whitfield, Boustany, Melancon, Klein of Florida, Loeb sack, Scalise and Kosmas.

#### VETERANS APPEALS IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2009.

#### BRIEFING—GUANTANAMO UPDATE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Guantanamo Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clifford L. Stanley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, both of the Department of Defense, and Lawrence G. Romo, of Texas, to be Director of the Selective Service, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2009”, 10 a.m., SR–325.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 592, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service, S. 850, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks, S. 1224, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, S. 2764, to reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, and S. 2768, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2010 through 2014, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine environmental stewardship policies related to offshore energy production, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, and Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, all of the Department of State, 3:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine nominations for Commissioner

and for General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel I. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Fort Hood Attack, focusing on a preliminary assessment, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alan C. Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine drug smuggling and gang activity in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 448, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1147, to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 1353, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, S. 678, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and the nominations of Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Christina Reiss, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, Louis B. Butler, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, Abdul K. Kallon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Victoria Angelica Espinel, of the District of Columbia, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, and Benjamin B. Tucker, of New York, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops, and Foreign Agriculture, to review rural broadband programs funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Confronting the Cartels: Addressing U.S.-Mexican Border Security, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Improving the Literacy Skills of Children and Young Adults, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 515, as amended, Radioactive Import Deterrence Act; and H.R.1084, as amended, Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, joint hearing on Exploring the Offline and Online Collection and Use of Consumer Information, 12 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to continue consideration of the Committee Print of the Financial Stability Improvement Act of 2009, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* hearing on Is it Time to Lift the Ban on Travel to Cuba? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on the State of Political and Religious Freedom in the Middle East, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment hearing entitled "Reassessing the Evolving al-Qa'ida Threat to the Homeland," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Transparency and Integrity in Corporate Monitoring, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* hearing entitled "Tracking the Money: How Recovery Act Recipients Account for the Use of Stimulus Dollars," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "Afghan Elections: What Happened and Where Do We Go From Here?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology,* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on the Growth of Global Space Capabilities: What's Happening and Why It Matters, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on the Research and Development Portfolio to Support the Priorities of the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* hearing entitled "Oversight of the Small Business Administration and its Programs," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* to mark up H.R. 4016, Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Act of 2009, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Adaptive Housing Grants, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Income Security and

Family Support, joint hearing to review the effect of the economic downturn and increased unemployment on the demand for hunger-relief assistance at food banks and other charities, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Clearing the Disability Claims Backlogs: The Social Security Administration's Progress and New Challenges Arising From the Recession, 1:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Afghanistan/Pakistan, 10:30 a.m., 304 HVC.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine financial regulatory reform, focusing on protecting taxpayers and the economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon Building.



## Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 19

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will begin consideration of S. 1963, Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act. At 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination; following which, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1963, and vote on, or in relation, to Coburn Amendment No. 2785 to S. 1963, and passage of the bill at 2:30 p.m.

## Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 2781—To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 3961—Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act of 2009 (Subject to a Rule).

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